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WEDNESDAY, September 13 -- Toots Shor's, 51 West 51st Street
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AL CAPP

Syndicated Cartoonist, Creator of "L'il Abner"

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Recently returned from a tour of Italy, France and Switzerland, humorist-author Al Capp will present a witty dissertation on such topics as American tourists abroad, continental food, European women and other items what stimulated his interest. This will be an outstanding program, so please make your reservations early -- by post card or telephone.

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****COMING EVENTS****

A week from next Wednesday, the Overseas Press Club will present a second "tension area discussion" on the subject, "Can Arabs and Israeli Live in Peace?", at a luncheon. Meeting place will be announced later. Spokesman for the Israeli case will be Lt. Col. Moshe Pearlman, Chief of Public Relations for the Israeli Government, who is now in the U. S. Representing the Arab nations will be a prominent Arab official whose name will be announced next week.

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LUNCHEON PLACES CANNOT BE GUARANTEED THOSE WITHOUT PRIOR RESERVATIONS. PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO MAIL THE ENCLOSED CARD.

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Board of Governors Meeting Clubrooms Tuesday, September 12, 8 P. M.

@ A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT @

The summer season which ended with Labor Day was not exactly a quiet one for the Overseas Press Club.

Bouquets are still coming in, for instance, for RALPH MAJOR, JR., whose efforts resulted in the "Overseas Press Club Day" at Fort Dix. Many members are still talking about the delightful annual picnic arranged by SANDY GRIFFITH. There is a consistent demand for more informal cocktail parties of the kind that LARRY BLOCHMAN and the House Committee put over in their inimitable way.

Yet many activities and projects had to be held in abeyance because so many of our members were on vacation. During the ensuing weeks the OPC will again be humming with activities by the numerous Committees. Once more I invite members who feel especially qualified to contribute to the work of this or that committee to have no hesitancy in acquainting Executive Secretary Janice Griffiths or me with that fact, so that proper assignment may be made.

A Washington member recently observed, in accepting a committee appointment, "A Club means to each member what effort he himself puts into it." That's the spirit which I know will animate all of us as we swing into full action for the 1950/51 season.

I assert this with confidence because Program Chairman "Sandy" Griffith has just had a heartening proof of the active interest of the membership in the Club. All members resident in the Greater New York area have received his Questionnaire. During the first two days after this Questionnaire had gone out 137 responses had already been received, and more continue to come with every mail.

Another gratifying sign of the vitality of the Club is the fact that there has never been as high a percentage of paid-up memberships as this year. I have belonged to many organizations throughout the years. I know of none in which this percentage even approached that of the OPC.

The stronger our Club becomes, the more ably will it be in a position to assist especially those fellow-Members who are now on duty in the Far East. The Board of Governors will endeavor to help meet their problems as they come up. It can do so effectively only in proportion as it has behind it an active, alert, devoted membership.

LOUIS P. LOCHNER

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PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS

MEMBERS ON THE MARCH: Just back in New York after two months in Mexico on a Satevepost and American Airlines assignment is IVAN DMITRI...Another recent returnee, following a four-month tour of non-Iron Curtain Europe: ANDREW HECHT. He was abroad for a group of mag publishers to establish foreign-language editions of American publications, several of which will now be appearing in various countries. Reports: "to European publishers worried about the early Red take-over, we've offered to throw in Russian language rights gratis -- a gag not universally appreciated"...GEOFFREY BOCCA, of Kemsley Newspapers of London, is back in New York after ten months in Britain, where he helped run the Sunday Graphic, one of the group's top papers. While in Europe, he free-lanced with another OPCer, BARBARA WACE, now one of London's leading free-lance news and feature writers...HENRY J. TAYLOR will be the honor guest of San Francisco Press Club's "Press Gang Dinner" in November...

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APARTMENT WANTED: October 1 to November 15, small, furnished light housekeeping apartment in mid-town Manhattan. Write RAY JOSEPHS, 247 Park Avenue, New York.

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RADIO ROUNDUP: Radio Daily's Los Angeles column, by Irv Hamlin, says, "By far and away, LARRY LESUEUR is doing a magnificent job on his news shows. And the master, MURROW, continues to set the pace for all others." Congratulations!...Next Saturday, September 16, CECIL BROWN will launch a new series of "capsule" news shows over Mutual Broadcasting System (7:55 to 8 PM, EDT)...Recently GLEN NEVILLE, New York Daily Mirror executive editor, appeared on NBC's "Report from the Future" show (Thursday, August 31) as a reporter covering the flight of the first man-piloted rocket to smash its way beyond the earth's gravitational pull..For two days not long ago Past President W. W. CHAPLIN covered a hitherto untapped source of American folk music, the menhaden fishermen, for a half-hour of songs presented over NBC on August 31. CHAPLIN and an engineer recorded the program, while it was narrated by CHAPLIN and ROBERT TROUT...

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: About a week ago The Bulletin received from an Israel correspondent a clipping :
: from the Tel Aviv newspaper, Davar, reporting on a speech given by EMIL LENGYEL :
: before the Association of Israeli Journalists. Unfortunately, no one could :
: read it. So Member WILLIAM RESWICK was asked to secure a translation. First, :
: he visited one N.Y. Jewish paper; no dice -- this Hebrew was in a different :
: idiom. At another paper, he consulted a Hebrew scholar. "Modern Hebrew," he :
: said, "is full of expressions I've never heard before." Finally, S. DINGOL, :
: Sunday editor of The Day, came through with the translation we produce below. :
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EMIL LENGYEL TALK
COVERED BY PAPER
IN HEBREW LANGUAGE

As was reported in The Bulletin on July 29, Member EMIL LENGYEL delivered an address before a number of newsmen in Israel. The Hebrew daily, Davar, reported his talk as follows: "Veteran newspaperman, Prof. EMIL LENGYEL of New York University, recently visited Tel Aviv and was the guest of the newspapermen's club there. He delivered an interesting talk on the U.S. press and its influence on public life. In his talk he referred to the Overseas Press Club of America with its membership of several hundred past and present foreign correspondents scattered all over the world."

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TWO PRESS CLUBBERS HEAD HOMeward AFTER COVERING KOREAN WAR FRONT

Casualties Mount Among Press Corps
As More Injuries Reported;
Three INSers killed

After covering the Korean War virtually from its first day, two Overseas Press Club Members this week were among the first war correspondents to return to the U.S. for new and less hazardous duty. They are BILL DOWNS, one of CBS's ace reporters and a member of the network's four-man Far East team, and CHARLES GORRY, Associated Press photographer who doubles as a typewriter-puncher between news shots. DOWNS has been re-assigned to the CBS Washington news staff, while GORRY is back with AP in New York.

Return of these two top correspondents at the height of the Korean conflict has accentuated the dangers under which newsmen are forced to operate at the front. On Sept. 6 the U.S. Air Force announced that two International News Service correspondents and a cameraman from Telenews, an INS affiliate, were among 11 persons killed in the take-off explosion of a C-54 transport plane in Southern Japan. They were Frank Emery, who recently was wounded while on a behind-the-lines foray with Randolph Churchill, London Daily Telegraph correspondent; Charles D. Rosecrans, Jr., reporter-photographer; and Ken Inouye, the Telenews cameraman. All had been in Korea. Sixteen Korean war correspondents are now listed as dead or missing. Among staffers reporting non-battle-inflicted casualties last week were New York Herald Tribune correspondent Marguerite Higgins and Nora Waln, of the Saturday Evening Post, both of whom suffered minor abrasions in accidents.

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WHITEHEAD REPORTS YOUNGSTERS
ARE REAL PROFESSIONAL THREAT
TO VETERAN WAR CORRESPONDENTS

(With the Overseas Press Club in Korea) -- In a recent dispatch from the front, AP war correspondent DON WHITEHEAD wrote the following about competition between new and veteran newsmen in the Koreanwar: "The war correspondents

with the middle-aged spread are making the sad discovery that experience is the last barrier between them and the hungry young kids climbing up the ladder of newspaper competition. We old-timers at the business should not make such admissions, but I have a grudging admiration for the youngsters who haven't yet developed a roll of fat around their belly and who take the hardships of this war without huffing and puffing about it.

"You can spot the old-timers at a glance. They are the reporters who have turned up at the hot spots for more than 10 years, a little fraternity with close ties -- friendship and dangers shared at other times.

"They are a little paunchier, a little grayer and a bit balder than they were 10 years ago. The lines are deeper on their faces and they have no illusions about the job they have to do. They recognize the danger signals, the calculated risks and the story possibilities in each situation.

"But this experience makes the veteran reporter more cautious than the younger. He is reluctant to rush in where the youths barge forward without a second thought about personal safety or lines of communication..."

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UNITED NATIONS GRANTS
ADMISSION PRIVILEGES
TO PRESS CLUB MEMBERS

Arrangements have just been completed by President LOUIS P. LOCHNER and Program Committee Chairman SANFORD GRIFFITH, in cooperation with the United Nations Secretariat, whereby OPC Members who are not regularly accredited to the UN Press Gallery nevertheless may be admitted to a UN session. Admission cards for Overseas Press Club Members will be issued for particular days if proper advance notice is given. For further information, call Janice Griffiths, OPC executive secretary.

Veteran Member ALBERT STEVENS CROCKETT has just sold his unique collection of cables, letters, and telegrams, made during the years he served under James Gordon Bennett of the old New York Herald, to the Journalism Library of Columbia University. His exhibit on the first "story behind the story" contest recently was hung at Club headquarters...

\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ **REPORTERS:** Must have at least six years newspaper experience, or three years newspaper reporting plus three years magazine work, wanted by Government agency. Should be able to take down news from teletype and transcribe to quick news stories of interpretative nature. Salary ranges from \$5,400 to \$6,400. Apply to Miss Dodge, New York State Employment Service, Fifth Floor, 134 Center Street, New York, N.Y.

RADIO SCRIPT WRITERS: Must have experience on a high literary level. Also wanted by Government agency. Salary ranges from \$5,400 to \$6,400. Apply to Miss Dodge, New York State Employment Service, Fifth Floor, 134 Center Street, New York, N.Y.

(The above listings were prepared by the OPC Placement Committee which, while these job leads were verified at press time, cannot be responsible for their continued availability.)

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LAWRENCE E. SPIVAK, former American Mercury publisher and originator and producer, with Martha Rountree, of the "Meet the Press" radio show, has joined with Press Productions, Inc. (owner of the show) in suing the Mutual Broadcasting System for \$1,250,000 damages and a restraining order. The complaint charges that MBS and others in June conspired to appropriate rights to the program and convert plaintiff's rights as set forth in aprior agreement... The Voice of America's woman's show, conducted by BETTY WASON, reports lots of fan mail, including some letters from men. One short-wave admirer in Iraq even asked if Miss WASON would not like to visit his country and "learn what is really the Arabian nights." Most mail, however, comes in response to offers of booklets on homemaking...

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RED-FACE DEPARTMENT: Miss Santha Rau was incorrectly identified in last week's Bulletin as the daughter of India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations. She is the niece of the Permanent Representative and daughter of a former Ambassador to the U.S. from India.

More world-wide correspondents are needed for The Bulletin, in addition to those whose appointments were announced on August 12. Volunteers are urgently solicited.

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: THE OVERSEAS TICKER : A topic of conversation in news circles is the abrupt resignation last week of GEOFFREY PARSONS, JR., as editor of the European
----- Edition of the New York Herald Tribune, a post he had held since December, 1944. He is being replaced by Walter Kerr, for two years Herald Tribune foreign editor. According to Newsweek, PARSONS was a victim of "one of Buel Weare's (Paris edition prexy) economy measures ... to lop off the Paris edition's top salary: GEOFFREY PARSONS \$20,000-\$25,000 a year." ...The Chicago Daily News' Korean war correspondent KEYES BEECH was the subject of a cover ad on the August 19 Editor & Publisher...

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LARRY BLOCHMAN's "The Man Who Kept Generals Waiting" appears in the September True magazine. On September 6, CBS televised an adaptation of his "Dark Crossroads"...FRANK HANDY of the Ypsilanti (Mich.) Daily Press is planning a trip to South Africa in October. Asks for names of any Members or friends in that country...HENRY GELLERMANN off on a short trip to Europe after attending the Sept. 12th Board Meeting.

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EXCELLENT RESPONSE
TO PROGRAM QUERIES
REPORTED TO DATE

A large and enthusiastic response has greeted the questionnaire distributed by the Program Committee to poll Members' opinions on Club activities, according to Chairman SANFORD GRIFFITH. Preliminary

returns on the first 100 indicate that everyone appreciates talks from top talent, whether prominent or not. Formal luncheons and dinners for famous people invited more for their prominence than their ability do not ring a bell, the questionnaires reported. Although less interest was voiced in informal discussions, many Members still like them. Much enthusiasm, however, was voted for social activities, cocktail parties, etc., and movie and dramatic previews were especially popular. Best time of day for Club activities is noon, with late afternoon, dinner hour and night receiving votes in that order. Final returns and an analysis will be published in The Bulletin next week.

RALPH H. MAJOR, JR., Editor
David McIntire, Associate Editor